

Political Science
Exit-Level Competencies
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1. Students should be able to understand the basic premises of the U.S. and Missouri Constitutions.
2. Illustrate the ability to discuss the Federal System and Representative Democracy.
 - a. Checks and balances
 - b. Separation of powers
 - c. Branches of government
 - d. Differences in ideological systems (democracy vs. communism, etc.)
3. Participatory Democracy
 - a. Rights and liberties
 - b. Participatory process
 - c. Roles of pressure groups, political parties and the media
4. Be able to clarify and/or identify one's own ideological beliefs.
5. Use of original source material and primary documents
 - a. Understand sources and documents in historical context
 - b. Ability to extrapolate from primary documents to current times
 - c. Illustrate the ability to glean the essence of primary documents
 - d. Demonstrate familiarity with appropriate research skills and citation formats
6. Ability to develop and/or articulate a logical argument on arrange of political and social issues from multiple perspectives.